

## CONSPIRACY AGAINST DRAFT ALLEGED TO BE NATION WIDE

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AGAINST THE DRAFT;  
FIVE MORE ARRESTSFederal Agents in Cleveland  
Busy; Riots and Many  
Prisoners in Chicago.

DETROIT, MICH., May 23.—Accused of treason in connection with an alleged nation-wide anti-conscription conspiracy, five Detroiters were arrested today by Federal agents.

The prisoners are Herman Eberly, Max Wadman, Philip Shavis, John Fuchler and Paul Parker.

The specific offense for which they were held was distribution of handbills bearing the caption "Kill the Draft," and announcing a Socialist mass meeting to this end for June 3.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 23.—While 5,000 pacifists, Socialists, hoboes and anarchists stormed the Auditorium yesterday in a "peace" demonstration, 3,000 attempted to hold an overflow meeting at Grant Park. At first the crowd seemed orderly and merely amusing. Then a huge bearded Russian thrust himself above the heads of the others.

"Why should American workmen fight the workmen of Germany for any — in the White House?" he bellowed.

In an instant there was trouble. The air was filled with policemen's clubs that cracked down upon heads. Men shrieked imprecations, women bit and scratched the policemen, malcontents howled threats and "Down with the Government!" "Free speech!" and "No war!"

In an hour the crowd was dispersed. Patrol wagons and commandeered taxicabs darted in and out with their loads of prisoners and the remnants of the mob was galloping up the nearest alleys.

CLEVELAND, O., May 23.—Trouble started on the Public Square yesterday afternoon when Socialist orators began to stir up anti-war frenzy. Police Captain Martinec jumped to the rostrum and dragged down a Socialist who had defied the Government to make him register for army service.

The crowd attacked the policeman and but for a drive made by policemen, detectives and secret service agents, both Martinec and his prisoner might have been killed.

A mob followed the two to Police Headquarters and charged upon the doors, throwing stones and defying the authorities.

The crowd fought police reserves and several more arrests were made before mounted police arrived and cleared the streets.

STORM KILLS 248  
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IN MIDDLE WESTSeries of Tornadoes Makes  
Wide Sweep Over Eight  
States in Three Days.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Revised figures on dead and injured in the storms of the last three days in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama and Kansas show a total of 248 dead and 1,207 injured. The casualties are:

	Dead	Injured
Illinois	55	450
Indiana	12	220
Kansas	26	60
Kentucky	40	60
Missouri	1	12
Tennessee	20	53
Alabama	31	100
Kansas	23	52
Total	248	1,207

Prof. Henry Cox, Director of the United States Weather Bureau here, said today that the storms were due to great humidity and low barometer, common in this territory in May and June.

Ernest P. Bicknell, Director of the Department of Civilian Relief of the Red Cross at Washington, is in constant touch with Red Cross workers in the storm-swept area.

John J. O'Connor, Director of the Central Division, with headquarters here, is at Mattoon, Ill., with Walter C. Davidson and W. M. Thurber, in response to the telegraphed request for trained workers. C. M. Hubbard of St. Louis and T. J. Edmonds of Cincinnati, representing institutional members of the American Red Cross, were also sent.

Nine Red Cross nurses were sent from here with six crates of hospital supplies and trained nurses were also despatched from other nearby points. The heaviest loss of life was in Mattoon, a city of 10,000 population, where Saturday afternoon's storm exacted a toll of 63 known dead and injured 500. The property loss in that city and the surrounding country is estimated at \$2,000,000.

The storms began Friday in Kansas, where Andale was wiped out with 34 dead and 60 injured. Late Saturday a series of tornadoes started in the vicinity of St. Louis and swept northward and eastward, extending northward nearly to Chicago and crossing the State line into Indiana.

where Bloomington and other cities were hard hit. Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky were visited yesterday afternoon and last night, while another tornado struck Murphysboro and Willettsville, in Southern Illinois. Militia has been called out in the stricken district and is aiding in relief work and protection of property. Mayor Swan of Mattoon has appealed to the people of Illinois for aid. He said that more than two thousand are homeless and that "many of the bread winners have been killed." "Money is needed," he concluded. "It must be had."

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REFUTE CHARGESProsecutor on Stand, Tells  
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Labor Cases for Him.District Attorney Edward Swann  
was called to the witness stand today  
as a witness in his own behalf at the  
hearing of the City Club charges  
against him before Commissioner  
George L. Ingraham.Mr. Swann said he had first had his  
attention directed to the "old charges"  
in the labor cases when they came  
on the calendar for trial in January,  
1915, and said they were all on for  
trial then except the Liebowitz murder  
case, which had been tried in  
October, 1915.Mr. Swann said he had asked his  
predecessor, Mr. Perkins, to try the  
labor cases before he took office and  
that Mr. Perkins had replied that the  
reason the cases appeared on Mr.  
Swann's calendar was that he (Per-  
kins) didn't have time to try them."I found," continued Mr. Swann,  
that Brann, who had been held for  
months as a witness, had been dis-  
charged the day before I became Dis-  
trict Attorney and that "Dopey  
Benny" had been sent to the City  
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1915—the day before I took office—  
Mr. Breckinridge resigned."The District Attorney said it was  
at Mr. Perkins' suggestion that he  
asked Mr. Breckinridge to stay. He  
offered him \$5,000, which he had been  
getting as a special deputy, but  
Breckinridge held out for \$7,500.  
"I said I would have to accept his  
terms, but that I wanted all his time,"  
said Mr. Swann.The District Attorney explained that  
on the day before the labor cases were  
to come to trial, March 24, 1916, Mr.  
Breckinridge again resigned. He said  
he had repeatedly asked Mr. Dooling  
to do the best he could to have the  
cases advanced for trial, and that he  
had not the remotest idea Breckin-  
ridge was going to resign until he got  
his letter."There had never been a word be-  
tween me or between him and any of  
my assistants, so far as I could find  
out," said Mr. Swann.On cross examination Mr. Swann  
said he didn't see how Mr. Breckin-  
ridge or Mr. Dooling could be wit-  
nesses against him."In understood that the only ques-  
tion involved," he said, "was as to  
whether I had honestly exercised my  
own judgment and discretion and it  
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50-1212WHITMAN SENDS NOTE  
TO FRENCH PRESIDENTDelivered in Paris To-Day by John  
H. Finley, Who Also Con-  
sults Educators.PARIS, May 23.—John H. Finley,  
Commissioner of Education of the  
State of New York, today presented to  
President Poincaré a message sent  
by Gov. Whitman. The President  
expressed great pleasure at the re-  
ceipt of the message.Dr. Finley presented to the Faculty  
of the Sorbonne greetings from more  
than 100 universities and colleges  
of the United States. A large number  
of members of various faculties as-  
sembled to listen to the reading of the  
messages from their American col-  
leagues, which were received with  
many evidences of enthusiasm.There followed a discussion as to  
the most practical means of bringing  
the universities of France and the  
United States into closer and more  
effective relationship.When Dr. Finley visited the Ly-  
ceum for girls he found the class-  
rooms decorated with American flags.  
The girls sang "The Star Spangled  
Banner" in French.ACQUIRING OR HOLDING  
FOOD MAY BE PENALIZEDBill Proposed That May Reach  
Those Who Try to Control  
Supply of Necessaries.WASHINGTON, May 23.—A bill by  
Senator Poincaré of Washington,  
to punish malicious storing of food-  
stuffs an other necessities under  
penalties of from six months to three  
years imprisonment, was favorably  
reported today by the Senate Ju-  
diciary Committee.It would penalize persons who  
"store, acquire, hold, destroy or make  
away with" food, fuel or other neces-  
saries for the purpose of limiting the  
public supply or enhancing market  
prices.The committee's report said the  
bill is drawn to meet cases where  
the existing law is of doubtful appli-  
cation."It is a matter of common knowl-  
edge," said the report, "that specula-  
tors and dealers throughout the coun-  
try are taking advantage of the  
present economic situation to extort  
unreasonable profit from consumers.  
These offenses are particularly  
heinous in times of war."The bill is distinct and separate  
from other pending food legislation.

## GERMANS ENRAGE IRISH.

Sinking of Fishing Fleet Causes  
Revelation of Feeling.LONDON, May 23.—According to  
stories printed in the morning papers  
there has been a complete revelation of  
feeling toward the war in the south  
and southwest of Ireland as a conse-  
quence of the recent attacks by German  
submarines on Irish fishing fleets.A number of fishing boats have been  
sunk and the victims of one attack off  
Baltimore Bay, on May 21, lost their  
lives. The boats were already sunk  
the Kinalee and Waterford fleets and  
would sink out of the fishing boats  
to the bottom of the sea because they  
sent fish to England. They also  
threatened to shell villages on the  
coast.Norwegian Bark Sinks Norwegian  
SteamerLEWIS, Del., May 23.—The Nor-  
wegian bark Svalbard, from Svalbard,  
arrived here today and reported that  
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Wood, Rest of Steel.WASHINGTON, May 23.—Any dif-  
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of the Shipping Board and Major Gen.  
Goethals over construction of the  
great merchant fleet have been en-  
tirely cleared away, it was stated to-  
day, and both officials are in agree-  
ment for harmonious action which will  
result in the speedy building of ships  
to thwart the submarine campaign.Smouldering differences over whether  
the fleet should be of wood or of steel  
and the plans of procedure were  
brought to a climax by Gen. Goeth-  
als' striking speech in New York last  
week and by an equally striking state-  
ment issued last night by Chairman  
Denman.Gen. Goethals returned to the cap-  
ital today, and soon afterward it was  
made known that the two officials had  
composed any differences. Under  
present plans, as previously an-  
nounced, probably 200 of the ships will  
be of wood and the others of steel.\$65,000,000 INCOME TAX  
IN SECOND N. Y. DISTRICTCollector Edwards Urges Prompt  
Payment to Avoid Swamping  
Office on Last Day.Anticipating the heavy rush to  
pay income taxes which usually pre-  
cedes June 15, the last day to pay  
taxes without incurring a penalty,  
Collector William H. Edwards of New  
York has issued a notice requesting  
taxpayers to make prompt payment  
in order that his office may not be  
swamped during the last week.Collector Edwards estimates that  
the total in the second district will  
be \$65,000,000. Of this the corporation  
income tax will yield \$30,000,000,  
and the individual tax, \$35,000,000.  
For the previous year there was col-  
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tions paid \$10,000,000 and individuals  
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year 1916 exceed that of 1915 by  
8,000, and it is the opinion of Col-  
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prosperous condition of the country.

## BERGER PROTESTS IN VAIN.

Can't Move Lansing From Stand  
Regarding Passports.WASHINGTON, May 23.—Victor  
Berger, Milwaukee Socialist and former  
member of Congress, protested in vain  
today to Secretary Lansing against  
the Government's decision to issue no  
passports to American Socialists in-  
tending to participate in the Socialist  
congress meeting in Stockholm. Mr.  
Berger did get a passport, but he  
did learn that the Government had not  
changed its policy.Mr. Berger said later that he had one  
more man to see and that until then  
he was unwilling to abandon his  
efforts."But," he added, "I am a good  
American and a good Socialist also."

## Typhus Scum From Goats.